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Davis Awards \$435,000 Grant to Floyd County for Senior Center Project

INDIANAPOLIS—Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today awarded a \$435,000 Community Focus Fund grant to Floyd County for the construction of a new senior citizens center.

Floyd County currently does not have a senior citizens center. The new center will be located on property owned by Guerin Inc., a not-for-profit agency that will own, operate and manage the center.

“The state of Indiana is pleased to help Floyd County build a new community center,” said Davis, who serves as the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. “In addition to enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, the center provides a much needed service in the community.”

In developing the plan for a senior center, Guerin incorporated the fact that it is very difficult for seniors to commute, especially in the evening, from activity centers to their homes. Guerin decided to provide all services in one multi-functional campus that would be easily accessible to seniors. Another program that will be created is the interaction between the members of the senior center and the children from the Providence House for Children Campus, which is located adjacent to Guerin’s property.

The Community Focus Fund (CFF) is a federally funded grant program administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce. The funding is available to small cities, towns and counties for construction projects designed to benefit low- to moderate-income individuals or to eliminate blight in communities. Grants are awarded through competitive funding rounds to assist small communities in long-term development projects.

Projects eligible for CFF grants include local infrastructure improvements, childcare facilities, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization and fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the grant recipient.

In this, the second round of funding for 2004, 37 Hoosier communities shared in nearly \$15 million in funding.

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For more information about the CFF grant program, contact the Office of Community Assistance in the Community Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce at 800.824.2476 or access its Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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